

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1—Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act.  
House Committee ordered reported the Defense and Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

House Committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug, Modernization, Health Savings and Affordability Act.

House passed H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations Act.

House passed H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8605–S8817*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 11, S. 1338–1367, S. Res. 187–190, and S. Con. Res. 56–57.

**Pages S8725–26**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1025, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–80)

S. 1356, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–81)

S. 1357, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–82)

S. 888, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–83)

S. Res. 62, calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to

take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba.

S. Res. 138, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to the consideration of nominations requiring the advice and consent of the Senate.

S. Res. 149, expressing the sense of the Senate that the international response to the current need for food in the Horn of Africa remains inadequate, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 174, designating Thursday, November 20, 2003, as “Feed America Thursday”.

S. Res. 175, designating the month of October 2003, as “Family History Month”.

S. Res. 178, to prohibit Members of the Senate and other persons from removing art and historic objects from the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings for personal use.

S. 148, to provide for the Secretary of Homeland Security to be included in the line of Presidential succession.

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#### Measures Passed:

*State Children’s Health Insurance Program Amend Act:* Senate passed S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S8633–35**

Grassley Amendment No. 1113, to make a technical correction.

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**Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act:** By yeas to nays (Vote No. 262), Senate passed S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8605–33, S8635–78, S8679–85, S8686–S8701**  
Adopted:

Baucus (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 942, to prohibit an eligible entity offering a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, a MedicareAdvantage Organization offering a MedicareAdvantage plan, and other health plans from contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) unless the PBM satisfies certain requirements. **Pages S8606, S8612–17**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 249), McConnell Amendment No. 1097, to protect seniors who are diagnosed with cancer from high prescription drug costs. **Pages S8621–22**

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 251), Bingaman/Domenici Modified Amendment No. 1065, to update, beginning in 2009, the asset or resource test used for purposes of determining the eligibility of low-income beneficiaries for premium and cost-sharing subsidies. **Pages S8606, S8622–23**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 936, to provide for an extension of the demonstration for ESRD managed care. **Page S8606**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 938, to provide for a study and report on the propagation of concierge care. **Page S8606**

Thomas/Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 988, to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program. **Page S8606**

Baucus (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1027, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the implementation of the Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003. **Page S8633**

Baucus (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 1041, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a frontier extended stay clinic demonstration project. **Pages S8633, S8687**

Subsequently, the adoption of Amendment No. 1041 (listed above) was vitiated. **Page S8633**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 252), McConnell Amendment No. 1102, to protect seniors who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease from high prescription drug costs. **Pages S8624, S8635–36**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 255), Grassley/Baucus Modified Amendment No. 1092, to evaluate alternative payment and delivery systems.

**Pages S8606, S8610–12, S8618–21, S8637–38**

Grassley (for Bond) Amendment No. 1014, to include pharmacy services in the study relating to outpatient pharmacy therapy reimbursements.

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Baucus (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1015, to provide for a study on making prescription pharmaceutical information accessible for blind and visually-impaired individuals. **Page S8647**

Grassley (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1059, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a review and report on current standards of practice for pharmacy services provided to patients in nursing facilities. **Page S8647**

Grassley (for Hatch/Wyden) Amendment No. 1106, to establish a Citizens Health Care Working Group to facilitate public debate about how to improve the health care system for Americans and to provide for hearings by Congress on the recommendations that are derived from this debate. **Page S8647**

Grassley (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1086, to ensure that pharmacies operated by the Indian Health Service and Indian health programs are included in the network of pharmacies established by entities and organizations under part D. **Page S8647**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Modified Amendment No. 1033, to extend certain municipal health service demonstration projects. **Page S8644**

Baucus (for Lincoln) Modified Amendment No. 1067, to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the Medicare program. **Pages S8644–47**

Lincoln Amendment No. 959, to establish a demonstration project for direct access to physical therapy services under the Medicare program. **Page S8606**

Lincoln Amendment No. 935, to clarify the intent of Congress regarding an exception to the initial residency period for geriatric residency or fellowship programs. **Page S8606**

Reid (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 1038, to improve the critical access hospital program. **Page S8606**

Reid (for Johnson/Cochran) Amendment No. 1095, to provide for a 1-year medication therapy management assessment program. **Pages S8617–18**

Grassley (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 1096, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a frontier extended stay clinic demonstration project. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Brownback/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 1122, to provide for improvements in access to services in rural hospitals and critical access hospitals. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Coleman) Amendment No. 1074, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the national coverage determination process to respond to changes in technology. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Collins) Amendment No. 1023, to provide for the establishment of a demonstration project to clarify the definition of homebound. **Pages S8681–82**

Grassley (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1114, to require the GAO to study the impact of price controls on pharmaceuticals. **Page S8682**

Grassley (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1115, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Medicare payments to physicians and other health professionals. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 1045, to provide for a demonstration project for the exclusion of brachytherapy devices from the prospective payment system for outpatient hospital services. **Pages S8682–83**

Grassley (for Craig) Amendment No. 1058, to restore the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to the financial position it would have been in if a clerical bookkeeping error had not occurred. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Baucus) Amendment No. 1117, to establish the Safety Net Organizations and Patient Advisory Commission. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Bayh) Amendment No. 1044, to adjust the urban health provider payment. **Page S8683**

Grassley (for Shelby) Amendment No. 1056, to prevent the Secretary of Health and Human Services from modifying the treatment of certain long-term care hospitals as subsection (d) hospitals. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 961, to make improvements in the Medicare-Advantage benchmark determinations. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Bond/Roberts) Amendment No. 1013, to ensure that patients are receiving safe and accurate dosages of compounded drugs. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1121, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the structure of Medicare reform and the prescription drug benefit to ensure Medicare's long-term solvency and high quality of care. **Pages S8683–84**

Grassley (for Collins) Modified No. 989, to increase Medicare payments for home health services furnished in a rural area. **Pages S8681, S8684**

Grassley (for Dole/Edwards) Amendment No. 1126, to provide for the treatment of certain entities for purposes of payments under the Medicare program. **Page S8681**

Grassley (for Reed) Amendment No. 996, to modify the GAO study of geographic differences in payments for physicians' services relating to the work geographic practice cost index. **Page S8684**

Grassley (for Specter) Amendment No. 1118, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the establishment of a nationwide permanent lifestyle modification program for Medicare beneficiaries. **Pages S8653–54, S8684**

Grassley (for Specter) Amendment No. 1085, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payment reductions under the Medicare physician fee schedule. **Pages S8652–53, S8685**

Allard/Feingold Amendment No. 1017, to provide for temporary suspension of OASIS requirement for collection of data on non-Medicare and non-Medicaid patients. **Pages S8608–09**

Baucus (for Harkin) Amendment No. 968, to restore reimbursement for total body orthotic management for nonambulatory, severely disabled nursing home residents. **Page S8606**

Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 948, to provide for the establishment of a National Bipartisan Commission on Medicare Reform. **Page S8606**

Dayton Modified Amendment No. 960, to require a streamlining of the Medicare regulations. **Pages S8606, S8680, S8685**

Baucus (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1054, to establish an Office of the Medicare Beneficiary Advocate. **Page S8612**

Enzi Amendment No. 1030, to encourage the availability of Medicare Advantage benefits in medically underserved areas. **Page S8606**

Grassley Amendment No. 1133, to provide for a managers' amendment. **Pages S8686–87**

Rejected:

Harkin Modified Amendment No. 991, to establish a demonstration project under the Medicaid program to encourage the provision of community-based services to individuals with disabilities. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 247), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8606–09**

By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 248), Edwards/Harkin Amendment No. 1052, to strengthen protections for consumers against misleading direct-to-consumer drug advertising. **Pages S8606, S8609–10**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1036, to eliminate the coverage gap for individuals with cancer. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8606, S8622**

Durbin Amendment No. 1108, to provide additional assistance for certain eligible beneficiaries under part D. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8630–32, S8636–37**

By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 254), Dorgan/Pryor Amendment No. 1103 (to Amendment No. 1092), to reduce aggregate beneficiary obligations by \$2,400,000,000 per year beginning in 2009. **Pages S8625–30, S8637**

By 33 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 256), Sessions Amendment No. 1011, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance should hold hearings regarding permitting States to provide health benefits to legal immigrants under Medicaid and SCHIP as part of thereauthorization of the temporary assistance for needy families program.

**Pages S8606, S8642, S8644, S8647**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 257), Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 975, to make all Medicare beneficiaries eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage.

**Pages S8606, S8639–41, S8644, S8647–48**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 258), Bingaman Amendment No. 1066, to permit the establishment of 2 new Medigap plans for Medicare beneficiaries enrolled for prescription drug coverage under part D.

**Pages S8606, S8641–42, S8648**

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 259), Baucus (for Levin) Amendment No. 1111, to ensure that current retirees who have prescription drug coverage who will lose their prescription drug coverage as a result of the enactment of this legislation have the option of drug coverage under the Medicare fallback.

**Pages S8632, S8660–63, S8674**

By 21 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 260), Hagel/Ensign Modified Amendment No. 1026, to provide Medicare beneficiaries with a drug discount card that ensures access to affordable prescription drugs.

**Pages S8606 S8663–75**

Baucus (for Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 1060, to provide for an income-related increase in the part B premium for individuals with income in excess of \$75,000 and married couples with income in excess of \$150,000. (By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 261), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S8606, S8675–78, S8680**

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 1093 (to Amendment No. 1092), in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S8606, S8624**

Grassley (for Craig) Amendment No. 1087, to permit the offering of consumer-driven health plans under Medicare Advantage.

**Pages S8606, S8651–52**

Santorum Amendment No. 1132, to allow eligible beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage plans to elect zero premium, stop-loss drug coverage protection.

**Pages S8679–80**

Kerry Amendment No. 958, to increase the availability of discounted prescription drugs.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 934, to ensure coverage for syringes for the administration of insulin, and necessary medical supplies associated with the administration of insulin.

**Pages S8606 S8687**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 964, to include coverage for tobacco cessation products.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 965, to establish a Council for Technology and Innovation.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Akaka Amendment No. 980, to expand assistance with coverage for legal immigrants under the Medicaid program and SCHIP to include citizens of the Freely Associated States.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Akaka Amendment No. 979, to ensure that current prescription drug benefits to Medicare-eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will not be diminished.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Bingaman Amendment No. 973, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the authorization of reimbursement for all Medicare part B services furnished by certain Indian hospitals and clinics.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 986, to make prescription drug coverage available beginning on July 1, 2004.

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Murray Amendment No. 990, to make improvements in the Medicare Advantage benchmark determinations.

**Pages S8606, S8680, S8687**

Dayton Amendment No. 977, to require that benefits be made available under part D on January 1, 2004.

**Page S8687**

Baucus (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 993, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cardiovascular screening tests under the Medicare program.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Smith/Bingaman Amendment No. 962, to provide reimbursement for Federally qualified health centers participating in Medicare managed care.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Hutchison Amendment No. 1004, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to freeze the indirect medical education adjustment percentage under the Medicare program at 6.5 percent.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Conrad Amendment No. 1019, to provide for coverage of self-injected biologicals under part B of the Medicare program until Medicare Prescription Drug plans are available.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Conrad Amendment No. 1020, to permanently and fully equalize the standardized payment rate beginning in fiscal year 2004.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Conrad Amendment No. 1021, to address Medicare payment inequities.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Clinton Amendment No. 999, to provide for the development of quality indicators for the priority areas of the Institute of Medicine, for the standardization of quality indicators for Federal agencies, and for the establishment of a demonstration program for the reporting of health care quality data at the community level.

**Pages S8606, S8687**

Clinton Amendment No. 953, to provide training to long-term care ombudsman. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Clinton Amendment No. 954, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop literacy standards for informational materials, particularly drug information. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Reid (for Corzine) Modified Amendment No. 1037, to provide conforming changes regarding federally qualified health centers. **Pages S8606, S8632**

Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1039, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a Federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system. **Page S8606**

Enzi/Lincoln Amendment No. 1051, to ensure convenient access to pharmacies and prohibit the tying of contracts. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Hagel/Ensign Amendment No. 1012, to provide Medicare beneficiaries with an additional choice of Medicare Prescription Drug plans under part D that consists of a drug discount card and protection against high out-of-pocket drug costs. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Akaka) Amendment No. 1061, to provide for treatment of Hawaii as a low-DSH State for purposes of determining a Medicaid DSH allotment for the State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1075, to permanently extend a moratorium on the treatment of a certain facility as an institution for mental diseases. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1076, to provide for the treatment of payments to certain comprehensive cancer centers. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 1077, to provide for the redistribution of unused resident positions. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Ensign/Lincoln Amendment No. 1024, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Smith/Feingold Amendment No. 1073, to allow the Secretary to include in the definition of 'specialized Medicare+Choice plans for special needs beneficiaries' plans that disproportionately serve such special needs beneficiaries or frail, elderly Medicare beneficiaries. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1088, to provide equitable treatment for children's hospitals. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1089, to provide equitable treatment for certain children's hospitals. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1090, to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1091, to extend certain municipal health service demonstration projects. **Pages S8606, S8687**

Baucus (for Levin) Amendment No. 1110, to ensure that beneficiaries initially covered by a private insurer under this act who are subsequently covered by a Medicare fallback plan have the option of retaining a Medicare fallback plan. **Pages S8632, S8687**

Baucus (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 1041, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a frontier extended stay clinic demonstration project. **Page S8687**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following passage of S. 1 (listed above), the bill be held at the desk, and when the Senate receives H.R. 1, House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1 be inserted in lieu thereof; Senate insisted on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conference on the part of the Senate; providing further, passage of S. 1 be vitiated and the bill be returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S8811**

**Check Truncation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting the text of S. 1334, Senate companion measure. **Pages S8811-15**

Subsequently, S. 1334 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S8811**

**Commending August Hiebert:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, commending August Hiebert for his service to the Alaska Communications Industry. **Pages S8815-16**

**Rhodes Scholarships:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the centenary of the Rhodes Scholarships in the United States and the establishment of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation. **Pages S8815-16**

**Honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the Senate on his death. **Pages S8815-16**

**Commending General Eric Shinseki:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, commending General Eric

Shinseki of the United States Army for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence.

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**Adjournment Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives an adjournment resolution from the House, it be agreed to, providing that the text is identical to the resolution being held at the desk.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Penrose C. Albright, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General

Routine lists in the Army.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authority for Committees To Meet:**

**Pages S8810–11**

**Record Votes:** Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—262)

**Pages S8609–10 S8622–23, S8636–38, S8647–48, S8674–75, S8686, S8707**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 1:15 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2003, until 10:15 a.m., on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8817.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Michael Carroll, Minnesota State Forester, St. Paul, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Frederick M. Stephen, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters; Tom Nelson, Sierra Pacific Industries, Redding, California, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Jacquellin L. McAvoy, City Council, Post Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Women in Timber; Michael Petersen, The Lands Council, Spokane, Washington; Norman L. Christensen, Jr., Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Durham, North Carolina; Hal Salwasser, Oregon State University Department of Forest Resources, Corvallis; Donald J. Kochan, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School, South Royalton.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business bills:

An original bill (S. 1356) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and

An original bill (S. 1357) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine affiliate